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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Van Horn House

AND/OR COMMON

Law office, Rigger, Russell, Stewart

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

203 Courtland Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Donald Connor

Telephone #: 825-6280

STREET & NUMBER

21 W. Susquehanna Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: 5424

Folio #: 852

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE <u>Summer, 1978</u> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are four bungalows on Courtland Ave. which are very similar to those on Susquehanna Ave., and this house is one of them. This bungalow has many features typical to that style including a large oversized dormer and a single story porch which incorporates its roof into the roof of the main block, thus creating a catslide roof.

Generally, this building is a 1½ story frame structure covered with modern aluminum siding, resting on a high rock-face formstone foundation. It is three bays wide and the equivalent of three bays deep. The gable-end roof is accentuated with deep overhanging eaves.

The west side of the house facing the street is the main facade. The most prominent feature is the oversized, shed-roofed dormer centrally located above the porch roof. This dormer is vented by a pair of 6/1 sash windows. The porch, an essential part of the bungalow style, rests on rock-face formstone piers. The space between the porch and ground is filled with lattice. The roof of the porch, which has a tongue-and-groove ceiling, is supported by thin, square columns.

An entrance door occupies the south bay, while a modern 24 light window replaces the original in the north bay.

The south facade is characterized by the irregular fenestration. There is a single 6/1 sash in the upper south bay, a casement window on the first level providing light for the staircase within and a single casement for the cellar.

The overhanging eaves of this gable-end contain tongue-and-groove soffit. A corbeled brick flue chimney rests on a brick and poured concrete foundation and pierces the eaves of the roof just east of the ridge.

The east facade is similar to the west facade in that it is approximately three bays wide and contains an oversized dormer.

Unlike the south facade, no chimney exists on the north facade, therefore a pair of centrally located 6/1 vent the gable-end on the second level.

The strongest feature of this facade is a projection two bays wide (suggesting a bay window) on the first level measuring 10'2" wide and projecting 16". This projection has its own shed roof.

The interior design was originally identical in each of these bungalows. In the full basement there are transverse joists (lap joined and toe-nailed) and a laminated "summer beam" 10" wide supported by two 6" x 8" posts. The block walls are penetrated by casement windows.

This house is two rooms deep and the equivalent of two rooms wide. The westernmost portion is occupied by the main parlor. A staircase runs along the south wall.

The dining area and kitchen share the easternmost portion of this house. It is the dining area which contains the slight bay projection.

The second level contains a central hall with three bedrooms and one bathroom.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

| | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.*D. Gwinn*

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH for # 203 COURTLAND AVE.

Liber 5424, Folio 852 February 4, 1974

Grantor: Lake Loch, Inc.

Grantee: J. Donald Connor et. al.

"Beginning...Easternmost side of Courtland Ave. (35' wide) at a distance 243' southerly from intersection of easternmost side of Courtland Ave. with southernmost side of Susquehanna Ave....easternmost side of Courtland Ave. 35' to an iron pipe...easterly parallel with Susquehanna Ave. 112½' to iron pipe...northerly parallel to Courtland Ave. 35'...westerly parallel

Liber 3855, Folio 197 June 5, 1961

Grantor: Bernard John Medairy Jr. & wife

Grantee: Lake Loch, Inc.

Liber 3791, Folio 251 June 16, 1960

Grantor: Cold Stream Farms Inc.

Grantee: Bernard John Medairy Jr. & wife

Liber 3752, Folio 285 June 16, 1960

Grantor: Donald P. Bailey Jr.

Grantee: Cold Stream Farms Inc.

Liber 3752, Folio 283 May 24, 1960

Grantor: Donald P. Bailey & wife

Grantee: Donald P. Bailey Jr.

Liber 2629, Folio 8 January 7, 1955

Grantor: Gerard Eckenrode & wife

Grantee: Donald P. Bailry & wife

Liber 1910, Folio 543 December 21, 1950

Grantor: Charles A. Sacra & wife

Grantee: Gerard Echenrode & wife

Liber 1177, Folio 583 August 30, 1941

Grantor: Calin H. VanHorn & wife

Grantee: Charles A. Sacra & wife

Liber 1126, Folio 463 November 18, 1940

Grantor: Ward B. Coe, Jr.

Grantee: Charles A. VanHorn

Liber 1126, Folio 462 November 18, 1940
Grantor: Charles H. VanHorn & wife
Grantee: Ward B. Coe, Jr.

Liber 630, Folio 61 February 26, 1926
Grantor: George H. Stieber & wife
Grantee: Charles H. VanHorn

Liber 566, Folio 224 December 5, 1922
Grantor: Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore
Grantee: George H. Stieber

Comprises 9 lots.

"Beginning...northeast corner or intersection formed by east side of Baltimore Ave. and north side of Susquehanna Ave...225 8/12' to west side of Courtland Ave....East 155'...West 227 4/12' to the east side of Baltimore Ave.... 155' to place of beginning."

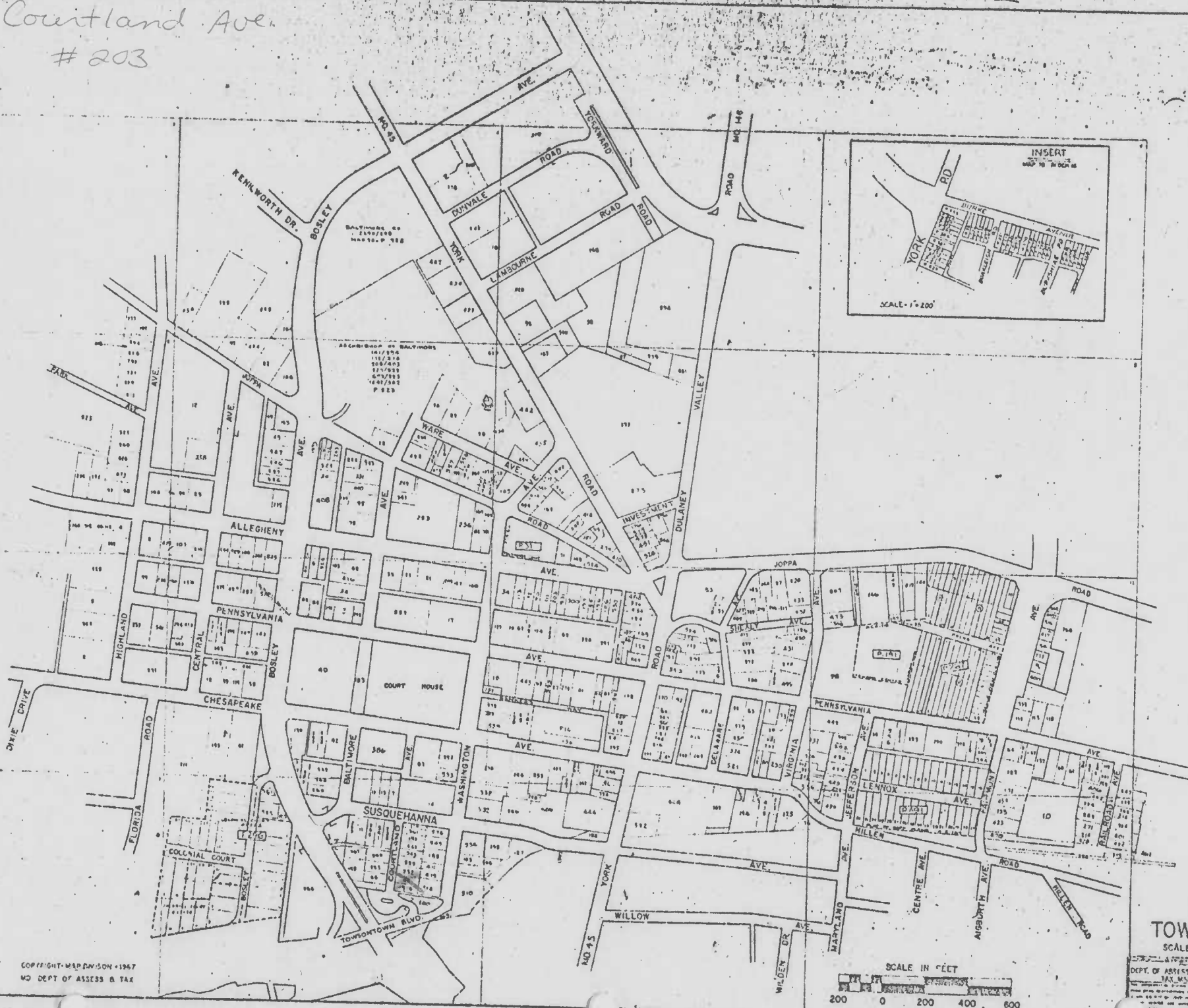
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Liber 241, Folio 222 October 14, 1899
Grantor: Henry L. Bowen
Grantee: Franklin J. Morton

* Liber 257, Folio 357 November 25, 1901
Grantor: P. S. Jones & Rebecca C. Scott Exec.
Grantee: Franklin J. Morton

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TOWSON
SCALE 1"=200'

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TAX MAP DIVISION

MAP A
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203 COURTLAND AVE.
N.W. CORNER

W. NIELD
9/78